

CSM 2021

GHAA SIG Meeting Minutes

2-22-21

7:30 p.m.

1. Zoom meeting, 19 members were in attendance
2. Jennifer Howanitz introduced the current leadership team and thanked the outgoing members. New leadership team members include Jennifer Cruz Garcia Youssef as Vice – Chair, Becca Jordre as Secretary and Sushil Ramchandani as Nominating Committee member. Outgoing leadership team members include Rick Black and Joseph Sui.
3. Becca Jordre presented the old minutes. Michele Stanley moved to approve the minutes and Jenny Cruz Garcia Youssef seconded the motion.
4. Jennifer Howanitz provided a chair report. This included an overview of the 2020 work plan (bold print) and progress as outlined below.

1) Develop and implement projects in all parts of the world to enhance health and well-being of older adults.

- *Our recent efforts with this goal have been to Investigate and establish a process to connect entities in the US to donate unused equipment to geriatric clinics around the world. (Project leader: Rick Black)*
 - *Rick Black was able to begin this process, but due to the emergence of COVID in March of 2020 this project was placed on indefinite hold.*
- *Another effort involved collaboration with Physical therapist association/PT schools in India and or Asia to create a course/tools for assessment of the elderly. May include translation of established US outcome measure tools into foreign languages. (Project leaders: Manjula Ramachandran, Soshi Samejima, and Joseph Ka-Chun Siu)*

2) To facilitate networking and collaboration between geriatric PTs of various countries.

- *Develop GHAA website to include resources to support communication: Project Leaders: Chair and Secretary Time line: Finish by June 2020*
 - *Utilize available networking resources/links that have been identified*
 - *Publish GHAA minutes of leadership activities*
 - *Publish a Featured International Article*
 - *In the news feature/ IPTOP News*
 - *Section to highlight positions available and opportunities for volunteering*
 - *A section to Introduce each leader of the GHAA*
 - *Allow members to submit information to be added to the website*
- *Submit information for the Academy's bi weekly newsletter several times per year.*

- *Project leasers: Chair and Secretary*
- *Time line: Begin Submissions: By May 2020*
- *The initial steps of this project were completed in the Fall of 2020, and it will continue to be a focus of the 2021 work plan.*
- *Develop regular email blast to SIG members to direct them to the website for updates and provide a highlight of the SIG's activities.*
 - *Project leader: Chair and Secretary*
 - *Time Line: Begin by March 2020*
 - *We have utilized the bimonthly email blasts from APTA Geriatrics to highlight news from the SIG and are now following up with this information being posted to the GHAA webpage.*
- *Develop international relationships to share geriatric resources between nations utilizing existing collaborations and share this information through SIG communication resources.*
 - *Canada Physiotherapy Association: Rick Black*
 - *Taiwanese PT Association Global committee: Joseph Ka-Chun Siu*
 - *IPTOP: Joseph Ka-Chun Siu*
 - *This work is ongoing and continues to be a focus in the 2021 work plan.*

3) Facilitate collaboration among geriatric physical therapists and researchers to address significant healthcare issues in the US and abroad.

- *Gather Physical Therapy geriatric education curriculum from other countries to start a conversation identifying areas of opportunities to collaborate. Will begin with Taiwan and Hong Kong due to established relationships. (Project leaders: Soshi Samejima, and Joseph Ka-Chun Siu)*
 - *There was no progress on this goal in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic disruptions.*
5. Sochi Samejima, Dr. Yuir Yoshida and Dr. Deb Doerfler were complimented for producing and presenting a GHAA sponsored session. A recording of this session can be found in CSM programming titled "The Future is Already Here – Super Aging Society in the Global Community". It was a live session on Feb 18th.
 6. New Business began with a discussion of the 2021 Work Plan. Jennifer Howanitz discussed how the GHAA SIG aligns with the current APTA Geriatrics strategic plan and goals.
 - a. Supporting our work plan goal #3 we will develop a journal club committee. This will support the APTA Geriatric Strategic Outcomes of being a trusted resource and engaging in lifelong learning.
 - b. Becca presented an idea related to engaging physical therapists in the care of aging athletes in other parts of the world. This will support our work plan goal #1 and the APTA Geriatrics Strategic outcome of advocacy.
 - c. Joseph Siu and Jenny Cruz Garcia Youssef presented an opportunity to engage by contributing to the quarterly newsletter. This newsletter will support our work plan goal #2 and the APTA Geriatrics Strategic outcome of being a trusted resource.

- d. Finally, to support our work plan goal #3 and APTA Geriatrics strategic outcome of being a trusted resource and supporting lifelong learning Jennifer encouraged members to consider educational programming session proposals for CSM 2023.
 - e. **Members can express interest in these projects via the provided Google Doc or by contacting a member of the GHAA leadership team.**
 - f. Committee Reports
 - i. Soshi Samejima gave the nominating committee report. This year we brought in Jenny Cruz Garcia Youssef, Becca Jordre and Sushil Ramchandani and we will not have additional positions open next year. We will have an election for the chair of the SIG in 2022.
 - g. Members were reminded of the upcoming GHAA sponsored Journal Club taking place on Tuesday, March 16th. Those interested in participating should register on the APTA Geriatrics site. CE is available for this session and it is free.
 - h. **Announcements/questions**
 - i. Michele Stanley encouraged members to write for GeriNotes
 - ii. Greg Hartley complimented the group for aligning projects and the work plan with APTA Geriatrics Strategic Outcomes.
7. Becca Jordre moved to adjourn the meeting and Joseph Siu seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. ET